

House File 574 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 574
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 175)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing certain fees and reallocating certain
2 revenues related to hunting, fishing, and fur harvesting,
3 and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **483A.1 Licenses — fees.**

4 Except as otherwise provided in [this chapter](#), a person
5 shall not fish, trap, hunt, pursue, catch, kill, take in any
6 manner, use, have possession of, sell, or transport all or a
7 part of any wild animal, bird, game, or fish, the protection
8 and regulation of which is desirable for the conservation of
9 resources of the state, without first obtaining a license for
10 that purpose and the payment of a fee as follows:

11 1. Residents:

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| 12 | a. Fishing license, annual | \$ 17.00 |
| 13 | | <u>25.00</u> |
| 14 | b. Fishing license, three-year | \$ 51.00 |
| 15 | | <u>75.00</u> |
| 16 | c. Fishing license, seven-day | \$ 11.50 |
| 17 | | <u>15.00</u> |
| 18 | d. Fishing license, one-day | \$ 7.50 |
| 19 | | <u>10.00</u> |
| 20 | e. Third line fishing permit, annual | \$ 10.00 |
| 21 | f. Fishing license, lifetime, sixty-five | |
| 22 | years or older | \$ 50.50 |
| 23 | | <u>75.00</u> |
| 24 | g. Paddlefish fishing license, | |
| 25 | annual | \$ 20.00 |
| 26 | h. Hunting license, annual, not including | |
| 27 | the wildlife habitat fee | \$ 17.00 |
| 28 | | <u>25.00</u> |
| 29 | i. Hunting license, annual, including the | |
| 30 | wildlife habitat fee | \$ 28.00 |
| 31 | | <u>40.00</u> |
| 32 | j. Hunting license, three-year, including | |
| 33 | the wildlife habitat fees | \$ 84.00 |
| 34 | | <u>120.00</u> |
| 35 | k. Hunting license, lifetime, sixty-five | |

1	years or older	\$ 50.50
2		<u>75.00</u>
3	l. Combination hunting and fishing license,	
4	annual, including the wildlife habitat fee	\$ 45.00
5		<u>65.00</u>
6	m. Deer hunting license, <u>antlered or any</u>	
7	<u>sex deer</u>	\$ 25.50
8		<u>35.00</u>
9	<u>on. Deer hunting license, antlerless deer</u>	
10	<u>only</u>	\$ 25.50
11	n. Wild turkey hunting license	\$ 22.50
12		<u>28.00</u>
13	o. Fur harvester license, annual, not	
14	including the wildlife habitat fee, sixteen years	
15	or older	\$ 20.50
16		<u>32.00</u>
17	p. Fur harvester license, annual, including	
18	the wildlife habitat fee, sixteen years	
19	or older	\$ 31.50
20		<u>47.00</u>
21	q. Fur harvester license, annual, not	
22	including the wildlife habitat fee, under sixteen	
23	years of age	\$ 5.50
24	r. Fur harvester license, lifetime,	
25	sixty-five years or older.....	\$ 50.50
26		<u>75.00</u>
27	s. Fur dealer license	\$ 225.50
28		<u>275.00</u>
29	t. Aquaculture unit license	\$ 25.50
30		<u>30.00</u>
31	u. Retail bait dealer license	\$ 30.50
32		<u>40.00</u>
33	v. Trout fishing fee	\$ 10.50
34		<u>12.00</u>
35	w. Game breeder license	\$ 15.50

1		25.00
2	<i>x.</i> Taxidermy license	\$ 15.50
3		<u>25.00</u>
4	<i>y.</i> Falconry license	\$ 20.50
5		<u>25.00</u>
6	<i>z.</i> Wildlife habitat fee	\$ 11.00
7		<u>15.00</u>
8	<i>aa.</i> Migratory game bird fee	\$ 8.00
9		<u>10.00</u>
10	<i>ab.</i> Wholesale bait dealer license	\$ 125.00
11		<u>175.00</u>
12	<i>ac.</i> Boundary waters sport trotline	
13	license, annual	\$ 20.50
14		<u>25.00</u>
15	2. Nonresidents:	
16	<i>a.</i> Fishing license, annual	\$ 39.00
17		<u>50.00</u>
18	<i>b.</i> Fishing license, seven-day	\$ 30.00
19		<u>40.00</u>
20	<i>c.</i> Fishing license, three-day	\$ 15.50
21		<u>25.00</u>
22	<i>d.</i> Fishing license, one-day	\$ 8.50
23		<u>15.00</u>
24	<i>e.</i> Third line fishing permit, annual	\$ 10.00
25	<i>f.</i> Paddlefish fishing license,	
26	annual	\$ 40.00
27	<i>g.</i> Hunting license, annual, including the	
28	wildlife habitat fee, eighteen years of age or	
29	older	\$ 121.00
30		<u>145.00</u>
31	<i>h.</i> Hunting license, annual, including the	
32	wildlife habitat fee, under eighteen years of	
33	age	\$ 41.00
34		<u>35.00</u>
35	<u><i>oi.</i> Hunting license, five-day, including</u>	

1	<u>the wildlife habitat fee, eighteen years of</u>	
2	<u>age or older</u>	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
3	<i>i.</i> Deer hunting license, antlered or	
4	any sex deer	\$295.00
5		<u>325.00</u>
6	<i>j.</i> Preference point issued under	
7	section 483A.7, subsection 3,	
8	paragraph "b", or section 483A.8 ,	
9	subsection 3, paragraph "e"	\$ 50.00
10		<u>65.00</u>
11	<i>k.</i> Deer hunting license, antlerless	
12	deer only, required with the purchase	
13	of an antlered or any sex deer hunting	
14	license	\$125.00
15		<u>140.00</u>
16	<i>l.</i> Deer hunting license, antlerless	
17	deer only	\$225.00
18		<u>250.00</u>
19	<i>m.</i> Holiday deer hunting license	
20	issued under section 483A.8, subsection 6 ,	
21	antlerless deer only	\$ 75.00
22		<u>100.00</u>
23	<i>n.</i> Wild turkey hunting license	\$100.00
24		<u>110.00</u>
25	<i>o.</i> Fur harvester license, including the	
26	wildlife habitat fee	\$211.00
27		<u>265.00</u>
28	<i>p.</i> Fur dealer license, annual	\$501.00
29	<i>q.</i> Fur dealer license, one day,	
30	one location	\$250.00
31	<i>r.</i> Location permit for fur dealers.....	\$ 56.00
32		<u>75.00</u>
33	<i>s.</i> Aquaculture unit license	\$ 56.00
34		<u>75.00</u>
35	<i>t.</i> Retail bait dealer license	

1	or the amount for the same type of license	
2	in the nonresident's state, whichever	
3	is greater	\$125.00
4		<u>150.00</u>
5	u. Wholesale bait dealer license	
6	or the amount for the same type of	
7	license in the nonresident's state,	
8	whichever is greater	\$250.00
9		<u>275.00</u>
10	v. Trout fishing fee	\$ 13.00
11		<u>20.00</u>
12	w. Game breeder license	\$ 26.00
13		<u>35.00</u>
14	x. Taxidermy license	\$ 26.00
15		<u>35.00</u>
16	y. Wildlife habitat fee	\$ 11.00
17		<u>20.00</u>
18	z. Migratory game bird fee	\$ 8.00
19		<u>10.00</u>
20	aa. Boundary waters sport trotline	
21	license, annual	\$ 40.50
22		<u>50.00</u>

23 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 483A.1B License fees — periodic
24 evaluation.

25 1. The license fees established in section 483A.1 shall be
26 periodically evaluated by the department, but not less often
27 than once every three years to ensure that the fees paid are
28 sufficient to meet the needs of natural resource management and
29 the public.

30 2. By December 15 of each year that an evaluation of the
31 license fees is completed, the department shall file a written
32 report with the commission which shall include the findings of
33 the evaluation and recommendations, if any.

34 Sec. 3. Section 483A.3, subsection 1, paragraphs c and d,
35 Code 2017, are amended to read as follows:

1 ~~c. Eleven~~ Fifteen dollars of the fee paid for each resident
 2 ~~or nonresident~~ hunting or fur harvester license that includes
 3 the wildlife habitat fee and twenty dollars of the fee paid for
 4 each nonresident hunting or fur harvester license that includes
 5 the wildlife habitat fee shall be designated as a wildlife
 6 habitat fee.

7 d. All wildlife habitat fees shall be administered in
 8 the same manner as hunting and fur harvester licenses except
 9 all revenue derived from wildlife habitat fees shall be used
 10 within the state of Iowa for habitat development and shall be
 11 deposited in the state fish and game protection fund, except
 12 as provided in subsection 2. The revenue may be used for
 13 the matching of federal funds. The revenues and any matched
 14 federal funds shall be used for acquisition of land, leasing of
 15 land, or obtaining of easements from willing sellers for use
 16 as wildlife habitats. Notwithstanding the exemption provided
 17 by section 427.1, any land acquired with the revenues and
 18 matched federal funds shall be subject to the full consolidated
 19 levy of property taxes, which shall be paid from ~~those~~ the
 20 income generated from those lands or, if no such income is
 21 generated, from the wildlife habitat fee revenues. In addition
 22 the revenue may be used for the development and enhancement of
 23 wildlife lands and habitat areas.

24 Sec. 4. Section 483A.3, subsection 3, Code 2017, is amended
 25 to read as follows:

26 3. Notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2, ~~any increase in~~
 27 ~~wildlife habitat fee revenues received on or after July 1,~~
 28 ~~2007, pursuant to this section as a result of wildlife habitat~~
 29 ~~fee increases pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, ch. 194, five dollars~~
 30 from each wildlife habitat fee paid by a resident and eight
 31 dollars from each wildlife habitat fee paid by a nonresident
 32 shall be used by the commission only for the purpose of the
 33 game bird habitat development ~~program~~ programs as provided
 34 in section 483A.3B. ~~The commission shall not reduce on an~~
 35 ~~annual basis for these purposes the amount of other funds being~~

1 ~~expended as of July 1, 2007.~~

2 Sec. 5. Section 483A.3B, subsection 1, Code 2017, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 1. *Allocation of revenue — accounts.* All revenue collected
5 from ~~increases in~~ wildlife habitat fees as provided in section
6 483A.3, subsection 3, that is deposited in the state fish and
7 game protection fund shall be allocated as follows:

8 a. ~~Two~~ Three dollars of each resident wildlife habitat
9 fee and five dollars of each nonresident wildlife habitat
10 fee collected shall be allocated to the game bird wetlands
11 conservation account.

12 b. ~~One-dollar~~ Two dollars of each resident wildlife habitat
13 fee and three dollars of each nonresident wildlife habitat fee
14 collected shall be allocated to the game bird buffer strip
15 assistance account.

16 c. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or
17 earnings on moneys collected from wildlife habitat fees that
18 are deposited in each account created under [this section](#) shall
19 be credited to that account. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#) or
20 section 456A.17, moneys credited to each account created under
21 this section shall not revert to the state general fund at the
22 close of a fiscal year.

23 d. All revenue ~~generated by increases in the~~ collected
24 from wildlife habitat ~~fee fees~~ as provided in section 483A.3,
25 subsection 3, shall be used as provided in [this section](#), except
26 for that part which is specified by the department for use in
27 paying administrative expenses as provided in [section 456A.17](#).

28 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 483A.6B Nonresident five-day hunting
29 license — fee.

30 1. A nonresident may be issued a five-day hunting license
31 that costs ninety-five dollars, including the wildlife habitat
32 fee. A nonresident hunting with a license issued under this
33 section shall be otherwise qualified to hunt in this state.

34 2. This section is repealed on December 15, 2020.

35 Sec. 7. Section 483A.7, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code

1 2017, is amended to read as follows:

2 a. A nonresident wild turkey hunter is required to purchase
3 a nonresident annual hunting license that includes the wildlife
4 habitat fee and a nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The
5 commission shall annually limit to two thousand three hundred
6 licenses the number of nonresidents allowed to have wild turkey
7 hunting licenses. Of the two thousand three hundred licenses,
8 one hundred fifty licenses shall be valid for hunting with
9 muzzle loading shotguns only. The commission shall allocate
10 the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses issued among the
11 zones based on the populations of wild turkey. A nonresident
12 applying for a wild turkey hunting license must exhibit proof
13 of having successfully completed a hunter education program as
14 provided in [section 483A.27](#) or its equivalent as determined by
15 the department before the license is issued.

16 Sec. 8. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
17 2017, is amended to read as follows:

18 a. A nonresident hunting deer is required to purchase
19 a nonresident annual hunting license that includes the
20 wildlife habitat fee and a nonresident deer hunting license.
21 In addition, a nonresident who purchases a deer hunting
22 license shall pay a one dollar fee that shall be used and
23 is appropriated for the purpose of deer herd population
24 management, including assisting with the cost of processing
25 deer donated to the help us stop hunger program administered
26 by the commission.

27 Sec. 9. Section 483A.8, subsection 4, Code 2017, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 4. The commission may provide, by rule, for the issuance
30 of an additional antlerless deer hunting license to a person
31 who has been issued an antlerless deer hunting license. The
32 rules shall specify the number of additional antlerless deer
33 hunting licenses which may be issued, and the season and zone
34 in which the license is valid. The fee for an additional
35 antlerless deer hunting license shall be ~~ten~~ seventeen dollars

1 for residents.

2 Sec. 10. Section 483A.8, subsection 6, Code 2017, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 6. The commission shall provide by rule for the annual
5 issuance to a nonresident of a nonresident antlerless deer
6 hunting license that is valid for use only during the period
7 beginning on December 24 and ending at sunset on January 2 of
8 the following year and costs ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred dollars.
9 A nonresident hunting deer with a license issued under this
10 subsection shall be otherwise qualified to hunt deer in this
11 state and shall purchase a nonresident annual hunting license
12 that includes the wildlife habitat fee, and pay the one dollar
13 fee for the purpose of deer herd population management as
14 provided in [subsection 3](#). Pursuant to [this subsection](#), the
15 commission shall make available for issuance only the remaining
16 nonresident antlerless deer hunting licenses allocated under
17 subsection 3 that have not yet been issued for the current
18 year's nonresident antlerless deer hunting seasons.

19 Sec. 11. Section 483A.24, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
20 2017, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. Fifty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall be
22 allocated as requested by a majority of a committee consisting
23 of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of the house
24 of representatives, and director of the economic development
25 authority, or their designees. The licenses provided pursuant
26 to [this subsection](#) shall be in addition to the number of
27 nonresident licenses authorized pursuant to [section 483A.8](#).
28 The purpose of the special nonresident licenses is to allow
29 state officials and local development groups to promote the
30 state and its natural resources to nonresident guests and
31 dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes, or any other form
32 of media resulting from the hunting visitation shall not
33 be used for political campaign purposes. The nonresident
34 licenses shall be issued without application upon purchase of a
35 nonresident annual hunting license that includes the wildlife

1 habitat fee and the purchase of a nonresident deer hunting
2 license. The licenses are valid in all zones open to deer
3 hunting. The hunter education certificate requirement pursuant
4 to [section 483A.27](#) is waived for a nonresident issued a license
5 pursuant to [this subsection](#).

6 Sec. 12. Section 483A.24, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
7 2017, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. Fifty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
9 shall be allocated as requested by a majority of a committee
10 consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of
11 the house of representatives, and director of the economic
12 development authority, or their designees. The licenses
13 provided pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be in addition
14 to the number of nonresident licenses authorized pursuant
15 to [section 483A.7](#). The purpose of the special nonresident
16 licenses is to allow state officials and local development
17 groups to promote the state and its natural resources to
18 nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs, videotapes,
19 or any other form of media resulting from the hunting
20 visitation shall not be used for political campaign purposes.
21 The nonresident licenses shall be issued without application
22 upon purchase of a nonresident annual hunting license that
23 includes the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase of a
24 nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The licenses are
25 valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter
26 education certificate requirement pursuant to [section 483A.27](#)
27 is waived for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this
28 subsection.

29 Sec. 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect December 15,
30 2017.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill increases certain fees and reallocates certain
35 revenues related to hunting, fishing, and fur harvesting.

1 The bill increases most fees for resident and nonresident
2 fishing, hunting, and fur harvester licenses. The bill
3 requires the department of natural resources to evaluate the
4 license fees at least every three years and report the results
5 of that evaluation to the natural resource commission by
6 December 15 of each year that an evaluation is made. The bill
7 provides that a resident deer hunting license for antlered or
8 any sex deer costs \$35 and a resident antlerless deer only
9 deer hunting license is available for \$25.50. The bill also
10 includes a new five-day nonresident adult hunting license,
11 including the wildlife habitat fee, that costs \$95 and is
12 available for issuance for three years. The bill provides that
13 a nonresident who purchases a hunting license in conjunction
14 with a deer or turkey hunting license must purchase an annual
15 hunting license.

16 The bill also increases the wildlife habitat fee for
17 residents and nonresidents from \$11 to \$15 for residents and
18 \$20 for nonresidents. The bill amends Code section 483A.3(1)
19 to provide that the income generated from land acquired with
20 revenues from wildlife habitat fees and matched federal funds
21 shall be used to pay property taxes on that land, and if no
22 income is generated, wildlife habitat fee revenue shall be used
23 to pay the taxes. Currently, the taxes are paid only with
24 wildlife habitat fee revenues.

25 The bill amends Code section 483A.3(3) to provide that
26 \$5 from each resident wildlife habitat fee paid and \$8 from
27 each nonresident wildlife habitat fee paid shall be used by
28 the natural resource commission only for the purpose of game
29 bird habitat development programs. Currently, the increase
30 in wildlife habitat fee revenues received as a result of an
31 increase in the resident and nonresident wildlife habitat fees
32 in 2007 from \$8 to \$11, can be used by the commission for the
33 purpose of those programs.

34 The bill amends Code section 483A.3B to provide that all
35 revenue collected from wildlife habitat fees, not just the

1 increase in fees since 2007, shall be allocated to game bird
2 habitat development programs.

3 The bill provides that \$3 of each resident wildlife habitat
4 fee and \$5 of each nonresident fee collected shall be allocated
5 to the game bird wetlands conservation account. Currently, \$2
6 of each resident and nonresident fee collected is allocated to
7 that account.

8 The bill also provides that \$2 of each resident fee and \$3 of
9 each nonresident fee collected shall be allocated to the game
10 bird buffer strip assistance account. Currently, \$1 of each
11 resident and nonresident fee collected is allocated to that
12 account.

13 The bill takes effect December 15, 2017.